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## Hepatitis B Shot Required for 7<sup>th</sup> Grade School Entry

*Records show 2,000 RCSD students may still need shot*

Monroe County health officials today announced that students who will be entering seventh grade this fall are required by state law to be vaccinated against hepatitis B, a serious liver disease. Students who have not received the shot will likely be excluded from school. Eighth graders that did not get the shot last year must also be vaccinated.

Last year, when the law first became effective, hundreds of students who had not been immunized, were excluded from Rochester City schools, resulting in considerable disruption and lost classroom time. Despite numerous mailings and reminders from the Monroe County Health Department and the Rochester City School District, current school records indicate that approximately 2,000 city school students have either not been immunized, or their parents have failed to produce the necessary proof of the vaccination.

The Monroe County Health Department is providing extended immunization clinic hours to accommodate parent's schedules. Hepatitis B vaccination involves a series of three shots, administered over a six-month period. Other childhood vaccinations will also be administered, if necessary. Clinic schedule:

**Monroe County Health Department, 111 Westfall Road**

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| • Every Wednesday        | Noon – 7 p.m. (regular hours) |
| • Wednesday, August 29   | 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.               |
| • Tuesday, September 4   | 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.               |
| • Wednesday, September 5 | 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.               |
| • Thursday, September 6  | 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.               |

Most immunizations are free for children 18 years of age and under. A parent or guardian must accompany the child and the child's immunization record and insurance card should be brought to the clinic. Residents may call 274-6151 for more information.

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